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**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

**My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name(s),**

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ISSUING AND MANAGING GIFT CERTIFICATES**

**the specification of which (check one)**

is attached hereto; or  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable); or  
 was described and claimed in international application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that it contains a full, clear, concise and exact description of the subject matter for which a patent is sought.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

**Prior Application(s)**

(Check if applicable) I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119, by checking the box(es) below, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed?  yes  no

(Number) (Country) (Day/month/year filed)

yes  no

(Check if applicable) I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in the Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the application:

**Prior U.S. Application(s)**

<b>08/762,128</b> (Application Number)	<b>9 December 1996</b> (Day/month/year filed)	<b>Pending</b> (Status – Issued, pending, abandoned)
<b>08/858,738</b> (Application Number)	<b>19 May 1997</b> (Day/month/year filed)	<b>Pending</b> (Status – Issued, pending, abandoned)
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(Check if applicable) In this continuation-in-part application, insofar as the subject matter of any of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in the Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint Jeffrey L. Brandt - Reg. No. 31,490, Robert R. Lech – Reg. No. 37,169 and Dean Alderucci – Reg. No. 40,484 of Walker Digital Corporation, whose address is Five High Ridge Park, Stamford, Connecticut 06905-1326 as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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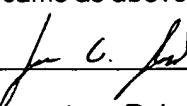
Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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